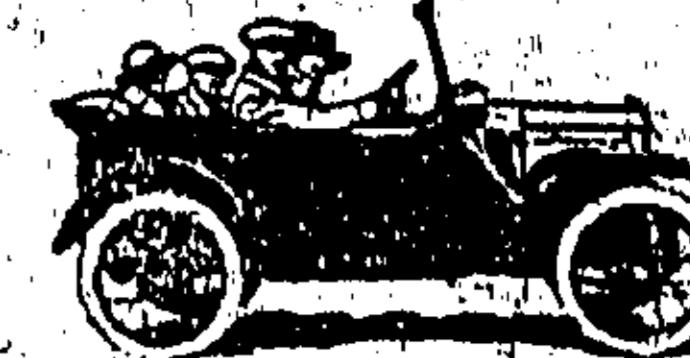


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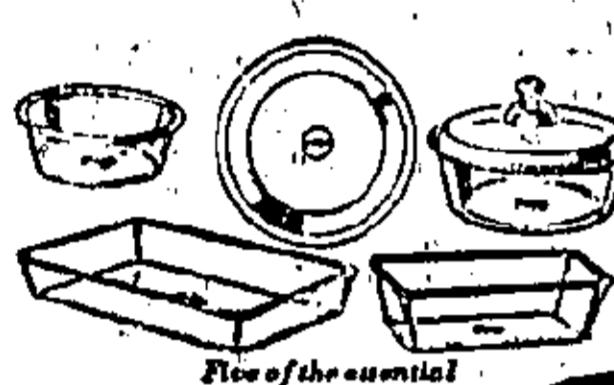
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FUTURE OF THE PACIFIC.

GATEWAYS THAT MUST BE KEPT OPEN.

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(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 8.

Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking at

Secretary of Colonies.



Mr. L. S. Amery who is a strong advocate of the Singapore base.

the Australian and New Zealand luncheon in London, and referring to the defence of the Empire and the necessity of keeping the ocean routes open said that Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, the Straits of Singapore (? Malacca) were the three gateways of vital importance.

An "Internal Matter."

Singapore as a gateway might prove valueless unless means were provided to re-equip our ships there.

That was purely an internal matter for ourselves, which we not merely were entitled to look after, but of which we were bound to make sure.

Dominions Must Lead.

Mr. Amery concluded by saying that, in the vast developments pending in the Pacific, Australia and New Zealand must give the lead to the new world as Britain had given it to the old world.

Earlier cables stated that Parliamentary correspondents foreshadowed that an announcement of the Government's intention to proceed with the Singapore base be made in the King's speech tomorrow. One message said that it is understood from a well-informed but unofficial source that steps are likely to be taken soon to push on the plan for the construction of the Singapore base. Probably the estimates for 1925-26 will provide for the current expenditure.

Discussing the Singapore base in his speech at the annual meeting of the China Association in London, Sir John Jordan made the following pointed remarks:—

"This is not a political Association, and I have no wish to touch upon politics. But there can, I think be no harm in referring to an important matter, which will, we hope, receive favourable consideration under a new Government. I feel sure that all of us who spent many anxious days and nights in China during the Great European War, watching our naval authorities engaged in what seemed to be an almost hopeless task, will rejoice to think that the position in the Far East is now likely to be strengthened by the establishment of the naval base at Singapore, and that the immense interests of our Far Eastern trade and even the safety of our Great Dominions in the Southern hemis-

phere, will never again be exposed to the risks which they had to face during the late war." (Applause.)

[The Right Hon. Sir John Newall Jordan, G.C.M.G., was H.B.M. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peking from 1906 to 1920. Born on September 5, 1852, at Balloo, Co. Down, Ireland, he was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and at Queen's College, Belfast, where he gained first class honours. In 1876 he was appointed Student Interpreter in China, in 1889 Assistant Chinese Secretary to H.B.M. Legation in Peking, and in 1891 Chinese Secretary. He was Consul-General to Korea from 1896 to 1898, Charge d'Affaires from 1898 to 1901, Minister Resident in Seoul in 1901, and H.B.M. Minister Resident at the Court of Korea from 1901 to 1906. He received the Jubilee Medal in 1897, and the Coronation Medal in 1902. He was also the translator of the "Peking Gazette."]

CAUTIONED.

Sir Eric Taylor In Court.

TRAFFIC MISUNDERSTANDING.

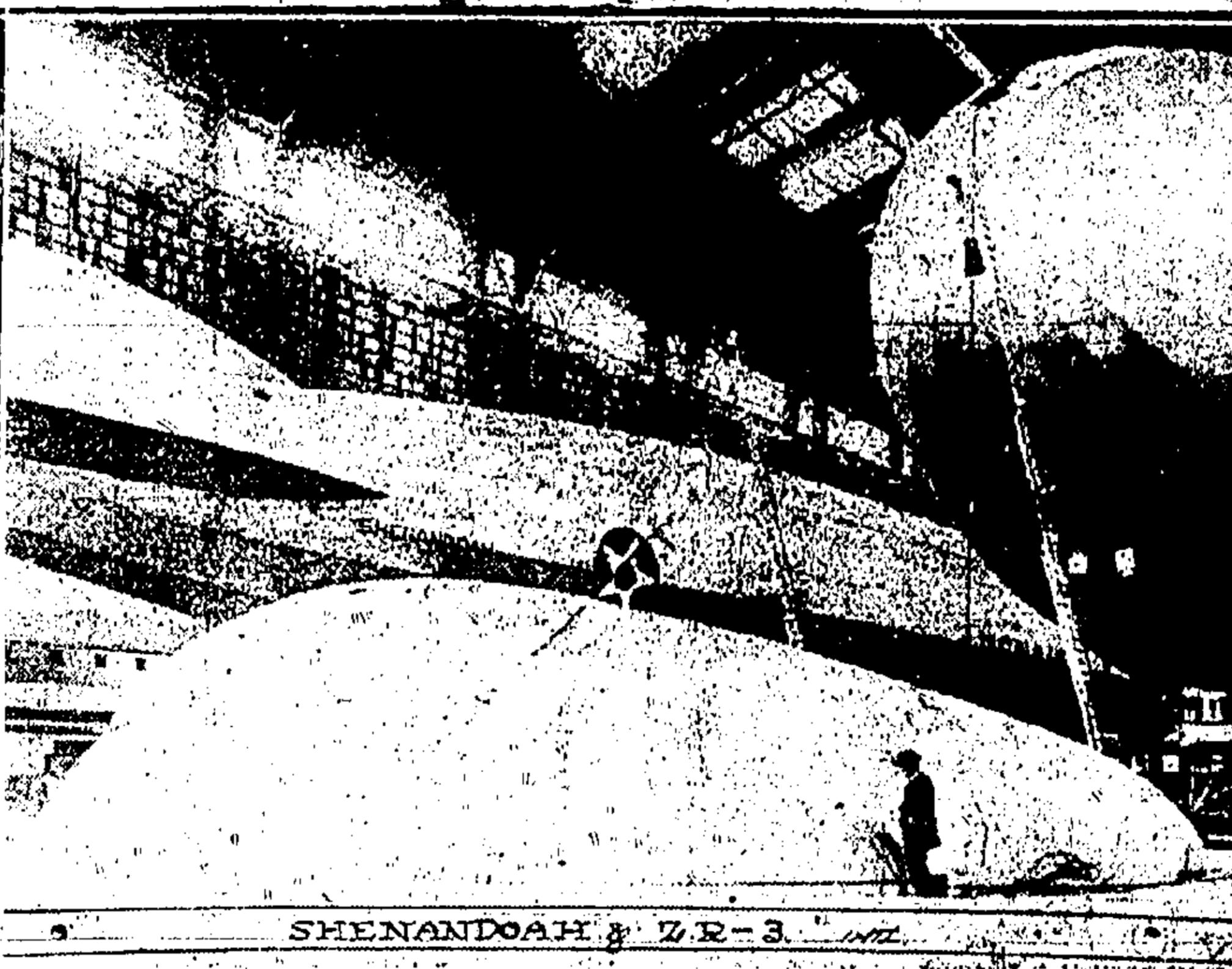
Dr. Sir Eric Stuart Taylor was present at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to answer a charge preferred against him of disregard of a traffic signal at the Star Ferry on November 25.

An Indian constable in his evidence stated that a ferry boat had just arrived, and he signalled to Sir Eric, who was driving the car, to stop, but he failed to do so.

Sir Eric said that he noticed no signals whatsoever on the day in question. As a matter of fact, he stopped in front of the Ferry Station where one of the passengers alighted.

The Traffic Sergeant explained that there had apparently been some misunderstanding, whereupon Sir Eric was let off with a caution.

GIANT AIRSHIPS HOUSED IN THE SAME HANGAR.



An idea of the immensity of the naval hangar at Lakehurst, New Jersey, may be obtained from this photograph, showing the "Shenandoah" and the Los Angeles (ZR-3) housed together and not taking up the room. A damaged gas bag from the "Shenandoah" is in process of repair in the foreground. The helium gas in the "Shenandoah" will be taken out and used in the further trials of the Los Angeles.

CASUALTIES.

EFFECTS OF GAS AND MOTOR CAR.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from the effects of gas poisoning. It is not known how the gas was inhaled.

Boy Injured.

A Chinese boy, 11 years old, sustained severe injuries in the head when he was struck down by a motor car in Jubilee Street yesterday. The patient was removed to the Government Civil Hospital where he now lies in a critical condition. The driver of the car has been detained.

Trolley Accident.

An earth trolley knocked down and injured a Chinese at Jordan Road yesterday, the man having to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

SERIOUS OFFENCE.

POSSESSION OF LOCKS FOR MACHINE-GUNS.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

For possession of two machine-gun locks, a passenger of the s.s. "Sunning" was fined \$1,000 or 12 months' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant put forward the plea that he was taking the locks to a friend in Amoy.

The Magistrate characterized the offence as a serious one.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

"JEFFERSON" PASSENGER IN LUCK.

COURT'S LENIENT VIEW.

The Chinese passenger who was arrested on the s.s. "President Jefferson" for having two rifles and 110 rounds of ammunition in his luggage, was again brought at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when he was charged with the possession of the arms.

Mr. A. E. Hall, defending, pleaded guilty, and asked for a lenient sentence. The defendant, who had resided in America for a number of years, was asked by a friend to bring the arms to China, and he thought there was no harm in doing so.

The arms not being of the kind generally used in committing armed robberies, His Worship did not regard the case as a serious one and accordingly imposed a fine of \$500 or six months' hard labour.

WAS IT THEFT?

FRENCH SUBJECT REPORTS LOSS TO POLICE.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.

Mr. Bruno Nihai has reported to the police that he lost from his coat pocket a sum of \$450 and a French passport. The informant is unable to say whether the money and documents accidentally dropped out or were extracted from his pocket.

FIRE AT SEA.

JAPANESE STEAMER ABANDONED.

"FUKKI MARU" LOST.

Crew Taken Off By "Taito Maru."

The Japanese steamer "Fukki Maru" which was reported to be afire has now been abandoned. The crew is safe.

News reached here last night that the s.s. "Fukki Maru" was in great distress as a serious fire had broken out on board. Reading between the lines of the various messages received it is apparent that the crew must have battled to the last against the flames before they were driven to seek the safety of another vessel.

As yet it is not known how the fire originated but the local offices of the N.Y.K. have been informed that it broke out in No. 2 hold and spread to the bunkers where it could not be controlled.

"Steamer escaped near Namoa Island for the safety of the crew and cargo" is how one of the latest messages reads. By the N.Y.K., this radiogram is construed as indicating that the vessel was successfully taken into a passage by Namoa Island where aid could be better rendered if possible. However, it was definitely stated that the ship had been abandoned and that the crew had a sound safety on the "Taito Maru." Four ships raced to the raging

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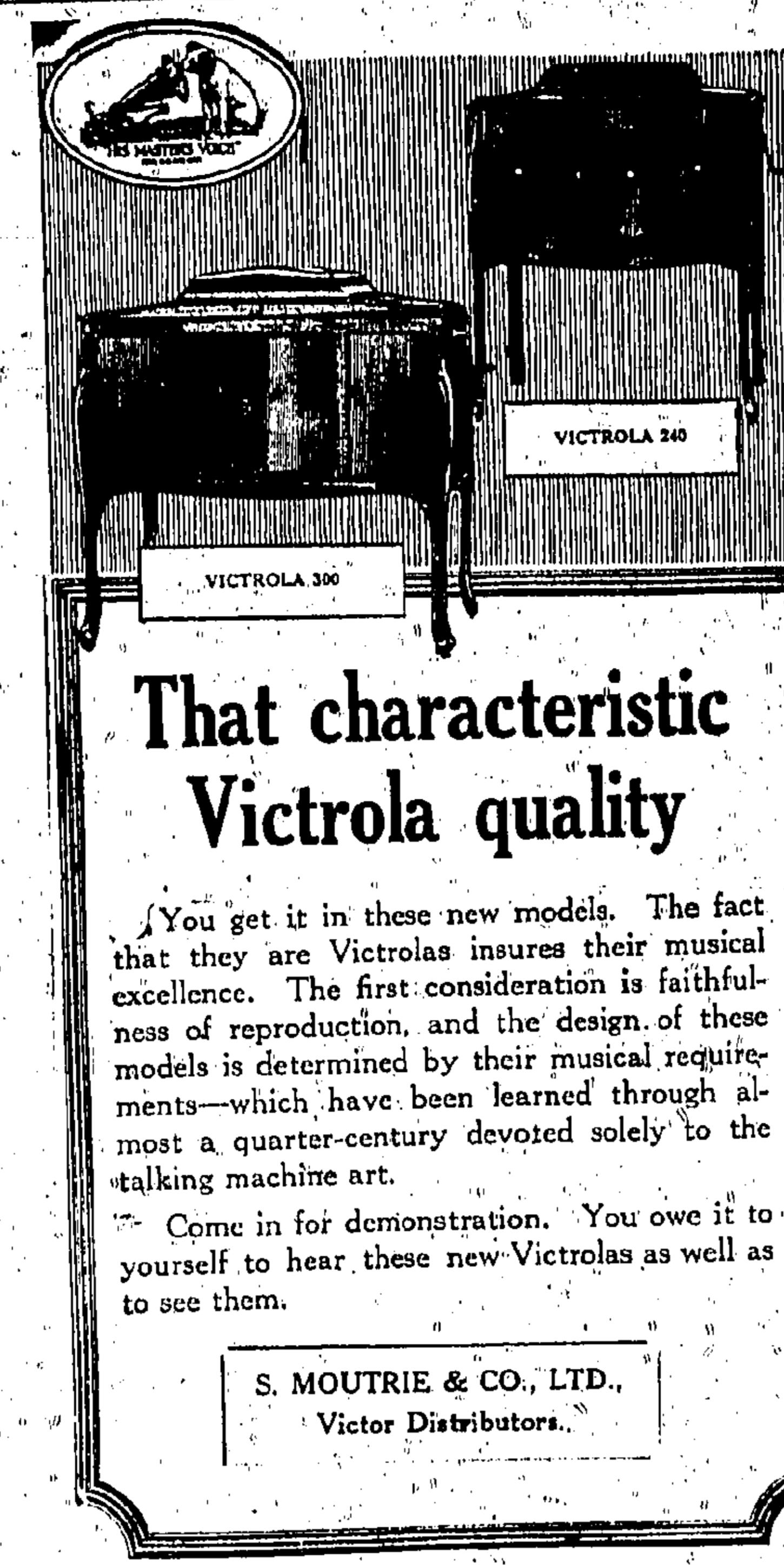
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MARRIAGES.

FERNIE—LOCH.—On November
29, at the Brompton Oratory,
Linn, son of Mr. and Mrs.
W. H. Fernie, to Doris, only
daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Frank G. Loch, of Ealing.

BORG—ROZARIO.—On November
27, at Soerabaja, Amalia
Markwick de Rozario to
Cornelius D. Borg.

DEATHS.

COURTIS.—At "Beeley," Oxted,
Surrey, Allan, husband of
Mrs. Allan O. Courtis (née
Madge Arthur), of appendicitis
(by cable).

OWEN.—On December 3, at
Shanghai, Lucy Grace Owen,
aged 24 years.

LATOUR.—On December 4, at
Shanghai, Marius Jean
Baptiste Antonin Latour, in
his 47th year.

Hongkong, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1924.

"LAUGHTER"

Addressing the members of the
China Association at the annual
meeting of that body in London,
Sir John Jordan was greeted
with laughter when he mentioned
that he had received a
letter from a consul at one of the
treaty ports of China stating that
within a radius of less than
twenty miles British goods were
subjected to forty-seven different

ask for example, where is the
sense of charging "Imperialist
Britain" with the crime of reducing
China to the status of a
"semi-colony"—Sun Yat-sen's
favourite term—when the result
is to have British goods taxed
forty-seven times in the one district?
Take the railways. Speaking as "one" who was
an enthusiastic advocate of railways in China, and as one
who built high hopes upon the
great benefit they would confer,
Sir John Jordan had to confess
that the lines are no longer
national concerns, but have become
the preserves of provincial
tuchuns who play havoc with the
revenues. One or two of the
British-built railways have practically
ceased to function, and all are made to subserve the purpose
of the military. Again we ask
would Britain pursue a policy
that could only have these results?
Would she not rather follow a policy that would help
China to develop her trade?
When one remembers the hind-
rance that China's trade has
survived, one can only wonder
with Sir John Jordan how it
would progress under a stable
Government, under respect for
the sanctity of contract, such as
was inseparable from the Chinese
name until quite recently; under
a system of legal administration
that provided redress; under a
system of taxation properly administered.
Truly, as Sir John Jordan said, this opens out a
 vista tantalising in its prospects.
Yet meth can be found to suggest
that Britain is following a policy
that would cripple this hope for
years!

or even three years of discomfort.
Schools for their children are set
up simultaneously with the formation
of a group, and for children at
least this life in the woods must
be a joy. At one house where I
stopped I found the man and his
wife had been settled on their
land for nearly a year. He was a
Shropshire man and had been
in Australia for nine years. There
were three children—a girl of
about eight who was already some
help to her mother, a fat boy of
five who was paddling about and
making a castle by the brook, and
an infant. Their mother was a
quiet, rather delicate-looking
woman, who told me they were
glad to be here, for the sake of
their children. "There will be a
home for them," she said, "when
they grow up." That is the Bea-
con light that leads them on.
They see before them the goal of
better days—when the land is
cleared, the debt paid off, and
their children established in
the world." The most thrilling article
in this excellent magazine is un-
doubtedly that of Commander
F. A. Worsley which gains, rather
than loses, by the restrained
language in which is recorded the
gallant dash across 850 miles of
ice-swept Antarctic seas by Sir
Ernest Shackleton and others in
quest of oil for the remainder of
the crew left stranded on the in-
hospitable shores of Elephant
Island. There is much else worthy
of reproduction within the pages
of the "Blue Peter" and, although
in its inception it was intended
solely for use in music and smoking
saloons of passenger steamers, it
will appeal in its new form to
many people who are conscious of
a need which the ordinary fiction
magazine does not fill.

WU TING FANG

IMPRESSIVE STATE BURIAL
AT CANTON.

Long will Canton remember
the impressive National State
Burial accorded the late Dr. Wu
Ting-fang on Saturday, by the
Government in recognition of his
meritorious service to the Chinese
Republic. More than five thousand
persons participated in the
funeral procession which started
from the private residence of the
Wu family on Muu Tak Road
through the principal thoroughfares
of the city to the private
cemetery on Yat Mong Kong in
the East suburb. Troops of all
the armies, students of both
sexes and friends slowly marched
in the procession through the
streets, which were crowded by
all classes of people who turned
out to see the funeral.

Dr. C. C. Wu, son of the deceased
statesman, was the chief
mourner and walked behind the
chair bearing the urn from the
house to the cemetery.

When the procession reached
Yat Mong Kong, where the
cemetery is located, all the troops
and people grouped themselves in
their assigned places in the
spacious cemetery grounds.

The burial service opened with
music rendered by the military
band. Then followed the reading
of President Sun's tribute to
the great statesman by Governor
Hu Han-min. Eulogies by other
friends followed, after which the
precious urn, was taken by the
chief mourner, and with assistance
of several others, was slowly
lowered to the grave. The grave
was about 7 feet deep and 2 feet
square. When the ashes of Dr.
Wu Ting-fang were laid to rest,
the choir from the Trinity College
sang a hymn followed by a
prayer by the Rev. Moh Sou-
cheng.

A large number of foreign
friends were present. Numerous
wreaths of flowers, and
scrolls with appropriate inscriptions,
contributed by friends and
organizations, were laid on the
grave and nearby.

Sir John Jordan declares that in
education and in all departments of
knowledge China has made immense
progress in recent years. A
highly intellectual people, with a
great heritage of brain power, they
have suddenly diverted their attention
from a study of their ancient
systems of philosophy to the pursuit
of Western knowledge in all its
branches, and the result is the creation
of a new China as different from
the old China as the England of
to-day is from the England of 500
years ago. I remember the shock
which the first appearance of a
primitive piece of foreign machinery
created some 30 years ago in
Peking, and to-day there are all
over the country great industrial
factories worked on the most
modern scientific methods and in
medicine and other professions
Chinese are rapidly reaching the
level of Western nations. Again
to make it possible of cultivation.

"One could see the progress that
was being made, although it was
slow. A man starting life from
zero has to be content with two
good government."

LEAGUE COUNCIL

FELICITOUS SPEECHES IN
ROME.

(Reuter's Service.)

ROME, December 8.
The public meeting of the
Council of the League of Nations
opened here this afternoon, in
the presence of all the members.

Position of Britain.
Mr. Austen Chamberlain, British
Secretary for Foreign Affairs, re-
plying to the welcome of the
President, laid emphasis on the
British Empire's respect for the
League of Nations and appreciation
of its work.

He added: "Our confidence in its
fairness, impartiality and justice
was shown by our ready acceptance
of the Council's provisional
decision with regard to the settle-
ment of the Iraq frontier, and still
more by our bending ourselves in
advance to accept the ultimate de-
cision of the Council."

M. Briand's Tribune.
M. Briand expressed the opinion,
in an earlier interview, that Britain's
desire to postpone discussion of
the disarmament protocol was
natural, because it was necessary
for her to consult the British
Dominions. This fact did not
mean the end of the protocol; it
merely signified delay with regard
to its consideration.

Ishii Is Pleased.
Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, Japanese
Ambassador to Paris since
1920, reading the report of the
Health Committee of the League,
expressed appreciation of the past
three years' work regarding the
opium traffic.

He referred to the grave prob-
lem of dysentery in the Far East
and expressed pleasure that a
Japanese doctor was able to
participate in the Health Conference.

He announced that definite steps
had been taken to organise at
Singapore a special branch of the
health section of the League,
which should greatly assist in
combating epidemics.

He stated that a Far Eastern
Health Conference had been con-
vened to meet in Japan next
February; there would be an inter-
change of Far Eastern Health
Officers next year. He concluded
by voicing the opinion that the
Council approved the work of the
Health Committee.

OPIUM AND HEROIN.

U.S. SUGGESTION FOR
COMBINED FIGHT.

DELAY AT GENEVA.

(Reuter's Service.)

GENEVA, December 6.
In view of expediting the work
at the Second Opium Conference,
the sub-committees of which so far
have submitted no reports, Sir
Malcolm Levinge suggested at
this morning's plenary session,
that the sub-committees should be
asked to complete their labours by
December 12 to enable the Conference
to close on December 20.

This provoked a lengthy discussion,
at the end of which the subject of fixing dates was
adjourned till December 14.

Question of Heroin.

In the course of the session, the
American proposal that the Conference
should join the United States in fighting the use of heroin,
was referred to a medical committee.

OPIUM POSSESSION.

CHINESE YOUTH IS
CONVICTED.

A Chinese boy who was found
guilty at the Kowloon Magistracy
last Wednesday of having in his
possession 110 taels of raw opium
and 17.5 taels of prepared opium
was to-day fined \$2,200 on the
first charge and \$1,400 on the
second, with the alternative of six
months' hard labour in each case,
the sentences to run concurrently.

In passing sentence His Worship
remarked that he had taken into
consideration the fact that there
may have been others behind the
scenes in connection with the case.

DERELICTS.

NATIVE CRAFT SUFFER IN
MONSOON.

Native craft that have ventured
any distance out to sea in the
heavy monsoon have fared badly.
This is revealed in the crop
of "casualties" junks reported by
shipmasters.

Derelicts constituting dangers to
navigation are notified as follows:

The "Pong To" sighted a
derelict junk, bottom up, in Lat.

20.40 N. Long. 113.76 E.
The "York City" wirelessed
that she passed a derelict junk
one mast standing, au her 45
painted on bow, Lantau Island.
Lighthouse bearing, N. 20 W.
Distance 4 miles, at 4 p.m. on Decem-
ber 7.

CHINA HANDS.
NOTABLE LONDON GATHERING.

OBITUARY.

MR. H. W. CHANEY.

The annual dinner of the China Association took place at the Hotel Edward VII rooms at the Hotel Victoria, London, on November 6. Presided over by the Rt. Hon. Sir John Jordan, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.E., the former British Minister at Peking, it was a notable function attended by a distinguished gathering representative of the various Services and of the trading branches of British activity in the vast Republic.

The Chairman was supported by the Rt. Hon. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Bt., P.C., G.C.E., M.P. (who had that evening joined the new Cabinet as Minister for War), and the Marquess of Sligo. Others present at his table were the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Onslow, O.B.E., Sir James H. Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., Sir Frank Swettman, G.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir George Macdonald, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Lieut.-General Sir Travers Clarke, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, Major Kenneth Anderson, M.C., Capt. R. G. H. Anderson, R.N., C.B., Mr. F. Anderson, Mr. Harold Williams, Sir Edward F. Crowe, C.M.G., Mr. Sidney Barton, C.M.G., Mr. David Lindale, Mr. A. J. Barry, Sir William H. Clark, K.C.S.I., Capt. Sir Montagu C. Turner, Mr. Frank Collinson, Rt. Rev. Bishop of North China, Sir H. R. Boyd, C.V.O., C.M.E., Dr. Douglas Gray, Mr. W. P. Collins, Dr. R. E. Scott, M.A., L.L.B. Other members and guests present were:— Messrs. F. J. Abbott, Geo. S. Amiyard, A. G. Angier, W. A. Argent, Fred. L. Baker, T. S. Baker, K. A. Wolfe, Barry, D. G. M. Bernard, Oscar Berry, Donald Both, Dr. F. Blackwell, H. H. Bond, Admiral G. H. Borrett, C.B., C.A.V., Bewra, Byron, C. Brennan, C.M.G., Thomas Brown, J. S. Bruce, Alfred Bryer, F. H. Bugbird, W. B. Burton, Baldry, W. B. Buyers, Robert Carr, E. J. Carroll, W. Carter, E. L. Cockell, J. D. C. Couper, J. L. Crockett, Alex. Cumming, Major R. B. Denny, G. M. Donwell, L. Gordon, Duddell, Stanley H. Duddell, Colonel G. G. Du Cane, O.B.E., Leo Dudeney, G. L. A. Dudeney, M. E. Duffett, Major R. W. Eaton, Dr. Oscar Fisher, O.B.E., P. Fawcett, W. Fisher, H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Captain F. J. B. Gardner, H. Gardner, Dr. Lionel Giles, D. Litt, James Graham, A. E. Griffin, F. Grove, H. C. Gulhund, A. H. Hallam, Roderick C. Harley, W. F. Harley, Colonel R. K. Harvey, C. H. P. Hay, Captain H. von Heidenstam, A. Hide, Robert H. Hill, E. H. Hills, A. Hollom, E. J. Houle, E. Howard, G. H. Howard, Sommers Hunter, W. F. Inglis, Dr. J. W. Jackson, H. D. C. Jones, W. Lindley Jones, H. H. Joseph, J. E. Joseph, W. B. Kennett, Lieut.-Col. M. F. Kitte, L. N. Leete, A. O. Lang, R. Lele, B. Layard, C.M.G., Captain C. B. Liddell, Captain C. Oswald, Liddell, C. Mackintosh, L.L.D., John H. Macoun, H. A. J. Macrae, Dr. Oswald Marriott, C. W. May, Commander R. C. Mayne, R.N., W. R. McCullum, Cameron McGregor, J. R. Michael, Sidney Michael, S. H. Michael, George Miller, C. Selby Moore, T. D. Moorhead, W. A. Morling, H. S. Moss, G. C. Moxon, R. D. Murray, Joseph Nissim, E. W. Noel, W. Adams Oram, H. A. Ottewill, R. E. N. Padfield, H. Parbury, Aylmer C. Pearson, C.M.G., John H. Perry, S. W. P. Perry, H. K. Peters, T. Petrie, Walter G. Pratt, J. Lumden Rae, R. C. Raine, E. M. Raymond, Duncan J. Reid, M.A., F. O. Reynolds, N. S. Reytions, A. S. Richardson, G. A. Richardson, D. C. Rutherford, Captain P. W. Rutherford, M.C., F. G. Sale, F. Salingar, Alfred Salinger, C. P. Sandberg, C. H. Scott, E. Shahmoor, H. G. Simms, E. A. Stanton, Sir Newton J. Stabb, G. H. Stitt, L. W. Smith, P. Y. Smith, R. Melville Stewart, Richard F. Soper, Frank Souter, R. Sutherland, Henry Symons, George Thornton, A. M. Townsend, J. Venn, W. A. Ward-Jones, Charles Watney, E. White, Major J. M. Whittall, W. H. Wickham, S. A. Williamson, Captain H. M. Willy, R.N.R., and H. C. Wilcox, Secretary.

Sir John Jordan proposed the toast of "Prosperity to the China Association." In the course of his speech he said:

I know I should fail to represent the views of this Association if, in proposing this toast, I did not convey an expression of our gratitude to all those who, in these peculiarly trying times are upholding our interests in China. (Applause.)

Sir James Stewart Lockhart proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and the Rt. Hon. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans replied. The toast of "The Chairman" was felicitously proposed by Mr. W. B. Kennett.

PEKING'S RULER.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S METHODS.

OLD TESTAMENT TYPE.

CIVIL WAR AND DEVASTATING FLOODS.

His many friends will learn with regret of the death at the Government Civil Hospital yesterday evening of Mr. H. W. Chaney, of Nathan Road, Kowloon, as the result of a motor cycle accident a fortnight ago since when he had been under medical treatment.

It was known that complications had set in and that at one time it was thought necessary to amputate the injured leg but, when it was decided that an operation was not necessary, Mr. Chaney's friends had hoped for a complete recovery. News of his death came as a great shock to all of them.

Mr. Chaney was about 39 years of age and was employed by Messrs. Palmer and Turner, the well-known firm of architects. He was of an athletic turn of mind and was particularly fond of motor cycling. One of the original members of the E.A.S.M.A. he took a keen interest in its welfare and, last year, was its chairman. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Chaney's widow and their children in their bereavement. The funeral will take place this evening, the cortège passing the monument at 5 o'clock.

CAPT. J. WOOLLACOT.

By the death yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital of Captain J. Woollacot, of the s.s. "Paul Beau," the local shipping community circle of officers engaged in runs centring around Hongkong loses a familiar figure.

Captain Woollacot has been in charge of vessels on the Canton and West River run for many years and was for some time master of the "Hoi Sang." He returned from Home leave in the early part of the present year and when the Canton Navigation Company commenced operations with the "Paul Beau" and the "Charles Hardouin," he was given command of the former ship.

THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley Cemetery at 5 p.m. the service being conducted by the Rev. Norman A. Peel, and was attended by a large number of the deceased's colleagues: Captain Cornwell, Messrs. Leach and Rob, P. H. White (s.s. "Paul Beau"), Captain Walker (s.s. "Kwong Tung"), Captain Hobolt (s.s. "Kung On"), Mr. T. T. Laurenson (representing the China Coast Officers' Guild), Mr. Thompson (Harbour Office), Capt. Browne, Sonnerve and Nicholl, Mr. Chan Hon-wah, director of the Canton Navigation Company, and the staff, the compradore of the "Paul Beau" and many others.

Among the many floral tributes were noticed the following: Captain of the s.s. "Paul Beau," Mr. Liddell, Captain C. Oswald, Captain C. Mackintosh, L.L.D., John H. Macoun, H. A. J. Macrae, Dr. Oswald Marriott, C. W. May, Commander R. C. Mayne, R.N., W. R. McCullum, Cameron McGregor, J. R. Michael, Sidney Michael, S. H. Michael, George Miller, C. Selby Moore, T. D. Moorhead, W. A. Morling, H. S. Moss, G. C. Moxon, R. D. Murray, Joseph Nissim, E. W. Noel, W. Adams Oram, H. A. Ottewill, R. E. N. Padfield, H. Parbury, Aylmer C. Pearson, C.M.G., John H. Perry, S. W. P. Perry, H. K. Peters, T. Petrie, Walter G. Pratt, J. Lumden Rae, R. C. Raine, E. M. Raymond, Duncan J. Reid, M.A., F. O. Reynolds, N. S. Reytions, A. S. Richardson, G. A. Richardson, D. C. Rutherford, Captain P. W. Rutherford, M.C., F. G. Sale, F. Salingar, Alfred Salinger, C. P. Sandberg, C. H. Scott, E. Shahmoor, H. G. Simms, E. A. Stanton, Sir Newton J. Stabb, G. H. Stitt, L. W. Smith, P. Y. Smith, R. Melville Stewart, Richard F. Soper, Frank Souter, R. Sutherland, Henry Symons, George Thornton, A. M. Townsend, J. Venn, W. A. Ward-Jones, Charles Watney, E. White, Major J. M. Whittall, W. H. Wickham, S. A. Williamson, Captain H. M. Willy, R.N.R., and H. C. Wilcox, Secretary.

MRS. M. P. de PINNA.

The Portuguese community has lost one of its oldest residents by the death yesterday at her residence in Nathan Road, Kowloon, of Mrs. M. P. de Pinna. During the last eight years the late Mrs. Pinna has been confined to bed suffering from rheumatism. She expired after three days' illness.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley in the afternoon and was attended by a number of relatives and friends. Wreaths were sent by her son Mario, Mr. and Mrs. Lim, Hugh George, and Irene, Europe Asia Trading Company, Madame M. Flint, Messrs. R. M. dos Remedios, Z. M. Sarrazola, L. G. Sarrazola, C. Chan, Tean Seng and others.

night.—Mr. Fox, the Commercial Counsellor at Peking, and Mr. S. Barton, the Consul-General at Shanghai—both old and trusted colleagues of mine, and I should like, with your permission, to express through them our warm appreciation of all the Consular Service has done, and is doing, to maintain the British position in China. (Applause.)

Sir James Stewart Lockhart proposed the toast of "Our Guests," and the Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Leveson, and to the British Consular Service. (Applause.) We are fortunate in having two distinguished members of the Consular Service with us here to-

LUDENDORFF ELECTED.

NO PARTY IN REICHSTAG HAS MAJORITY.

(Reuter's Service.)

BERLIN, December 8.—General Ludendorff has been re-elected to the Reichstag.



No party has a clear majority in the Reichstag; in consequence, the existing government will carry on until the meeting of the Reichstag in January.

VICTIMS OF PIRACY.

MANY HONGKONG BOYS CAPTURED.

The "China Mail's" special correspondent writes that there were several Hongkong boys on the Canton Christian College Launch No. 2, which was captured by pirates on Saturday night, as the boat was bound from Ten-tze-Ma-tao wharf, N. Canton, to Hongkong, Honan.

The list of victims follows: Yip In-tsai, formerly with the Eastern Bank, Hongkong, is a resident of Honkong, an old boy of the College. He spent the week-end with his brother, also a student of the College, and was taken with his brother on the launch.

Chiang Hek-sui, now a student of the College, belongs to the family controlling the Wing Yu Chong Foreign Goods Store in Hongkong.

Laung Lung-chong, student, is a son of the proprietor of the Ming Sun Glass Works in Hongkong.

Leung Hung-kwan, whose parents are dead, is a Hongkong resident. His grandfather lives at Nain Pak Hong Street.

Other Hongkong residents taken captive are Wei Shu-sing and Goo Chuen-sang, also students.

Prominent among the captives is Mr. P. S. Chung, assistant to Associate President Chung Wing-kwong of the Canton Christian College. Mr. Chan Tak-wen, a noted Chinese history teacher in Canton, is also captive.

Two noted college athletes, Tong Pook-chong and Wei Shu-sing, are also on the list.

George Chu, another captive, was at one time cadet colonel of the College Regiment.

sors considerably longer to bring the country under any settled form of government.

Let us hope that the present struggle may prove more decisive than those which have preceded it, and that we shall at last see China settling down to some form of ordered government. The problem will then be, as it is in Europe to-day, one of reconstruction and one of equal magnitude. For good or for evil, China has discarded her ancient political structure and substituted for it one founded on western lines. The old one, it must be admitted, had grown very tottering. It has been my unpleasant experience to witness at close quarters the fall of two ancient dynasties in the East—one in China and one in Korea. In each case one saw, how frail the foundations were on which they had rested. In China the Imperial decree was the sole binding force which kept the country together, and even that lost its virtue with the death of the old Empress Dowager. And now a new bond has to be forged which will bring all that vast country under some form of political unity, for military unification is not likely to be durable. Finance, communications, disarmament, and many other urgent problems await solution. As regards finance, a Commission has been sitting for a year at Peking trying to evolve some order out of chaos, but has not achieved any practical results. The task is an impossible one under present conditions.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "President Jackson" on Dec. 7.—Mr. W. Archibald, Mr. Robert Blau, Mrs. M. Brooks, Mrs. T. B. Brown, Miss Marie Brown, Master T. B. Brown, Master John Brown, Mr. O. H. Blackburn, Mr. F. B. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. B. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Dale Carleton, Mr. W. F. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Chan, Mrs. Wm. R. Campbell, Mr. A. Dejarcinski, Miss K. E. Desmond, Mr. Chu Ming Dze, Mr. W. L. Eaton, Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, Miss E. Ferguson, Dr. Hodgin, Mr. and Mrs. Denis H. Hazel, Mr. J. H. Herbschleb, Master Frank Long, Miss Anna Long, Miss Patti Long, Miss A. Hawksley, Mr. R. J. Jarno, Mrs. A. de Koch, Mr. Hung Kow Ming, Mrs. W. H. McEwan, Miss E. H. Naylor, Mr. J. Nienhuys, Doctor Ozorio, Miss A. Patterson, Miss J. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Remmers, Miss M. L. Sterling, Mrs. H. Schradeck, Mr. H. P. Strickler, Mr. Frank L. Sanders, Mr. Strickler, Mr. and Mrs. Long Tack San, Mr. G. Uyematsu, Mrs. M. Wong, Mr. Joseph T. Ward, Mr. Nowell B. White, Mr. W. L. Wadeigh, Mr. E. E. Zeifly, Mr. G. Agtarap, Mr. Wallace F. Burton, Mr. Leo Bendheim, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Chave, Mr. E. H. Chave, Cyril Chave, Miss Muriel Chave, Mrs. Powell Clayton, Mr. Warren H. Colby, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ehmann, Capt. Tracy G. Hunter, U.S.M.C., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hay, Miss Jean Hay, Mrs. R. B. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Koerting, Mr. R. Manly, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner, Mr. K. Suzuki, Mrs. C. H. Wells, Mr. P. H. Watt.

Per A. O. L. s.s. "Pres. Jefferson" on Dec. 8.—Mr. G. Agtarap, Mr. Wallace F. Burton, Mr. Leo Bendheim, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Chave, Mr. E. H. Chave, Cyril Chave, Miss Muriel Chave, Mrs. Powell Clayton, Mr. Warren H. Colby, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ehmann, Capt. Tracy G. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hay, Miss Jean Hay, Mrs. R. B. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Koerting, Mr. R. Manly, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee Steiner, Mr. K. Suzuki, Mrs. C. H. Wells, Mr. P. H. Watt, Mr. J. H. Loring, Mrs. Julia K. Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coyne, Mr. Herbert A. Smith, Miss Rosa Siero, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Duckworth, Mr. M. V. Santos, Miss Paz Ramoza, Mr. Montenayer, Mr. W. J. Joss, Mr. T. C. Clegg, Mr. J. E. Johannes, Mr. Geo. Ladd Munn, Mr. Lim Lin Chu, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fischer, Miss T. P. Saltzauer, Mr. H. Castillon, Mr. Frederick O'Brien, Mrs. Zubiri Blanco, Mr. V. Meanschi, Mr. J. M. Phillips, Mr. E. Levy, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. A. B. Forsythe, Miss Ross Schmidt, Mr. C. C. Akana, Mr. H. W. Moon, Miss Clara Leonard, Mr. T. Nagel, Mrs. Alice de Weese, Mr. A. R. Langton, Mr. Pedro Ponce, Mr. H. Harding, Mr. J. Monahan, Mr. Max Basker, Mr. M. Adichi, Dr. Felix Frankl, Miss G. Spitzel, Mr. T. Ghanomai, Madam M. S. Juason, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lore, Miss V. Lore, Mr. J. R. Collins, Rev. L. Schouten, Rev. M. Heiman, Mr. A. Joss, Mr. J. G. Babo, Mr. Ho Fusong, Mr. Tsang Hing Chuen, Mr. So Koi Kee, Mr. Kean Hui Sy, Mrs. Cho Hong, Miss Riley.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The two Smith and Wesson revolvers handed over to the police last Friday by the Chief Officer of the s.s. "Taivo Maru" were produced at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when an order was made for their confiscation.

Several Shanghai commercial organizations have telegraphed to the Peking Ministry of Foreign Affairs requesting that a protest be lodged with the Philippine authorities against their proposal to levy an annual registration fee on Chinese living there.

Owing to Japanese protests, the Chinese press understands that work on the big wireless station which it was proposed to build in Shanghai has been postponed and the two American engineers have gone home. They will return to China after the matter has been threshed out by the Chinese Government and the British, American and Japanese Ministers.

The Deutsch-Aziatische Bank has removed into its old premises in the Legation Quarter, Peking, and it will resume its former banking activities, says the Asiatic News Agency. Mr. Eggeling will probably leave for Berlin shortly, and his successor has already arrived and assumed charge of the Peking office.

Several petitions have been addressed to the Civil Governor of Kiangsu praying him to prohibit the export of rice from this province. The petitioners base their argument on the ground that during the eighth year of the Republic a mandate was issued prohibiting export from the province when the price had risen above \$8, and it is asked that this mandate be adhered to.

The Kuling tiger is out and about again and several natives report the loss of cattle, says the "Central China Post." An English lady who lives at Taipingkung states that she saw the animal one evening when she was standing at her garden gate. She became aware of his presence by hearing a loud growl and she saw him distinctly. He seemed quite a friendly sort of brute and he walked leisurely towards her. She, however, felt that discretion was the better part of valour and took up a position of shelter behind the door. The tiger came close up to the gate and then turned away again and went off up the hill and has not been seen since.

The Japanese Diet will be officially convened on December 24, and formally opened on the 26th. The real business commences on January 20, after the New Year recess.

The Hongkong A.D.C. directs attention to the fact that the evening performances of "St. Joan" will be at 9 p.m. sharp. Booking opens at the Anderson Music Store on Monday next at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

"Religion and its Value" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hongkong Lodge of The Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday December 10, at 5.45 p.m. All are welcome.

There will be a Musicals at the Helen May Institute on Thursday, December 11, at 5.30 p.m. Tea served from 4.30. Tickets for Members and their friends, 50 cents each, to be obtained from the Secretary.

A Manila cable states that Governor-General Wood has vetoed measures appropriating sums for Philippine participation in the Inter-Parliamentary Union at Geneva and also sums for the continuance of independence propaganda in the United States and elsewhere.

It is stated in Tokyo that at the suggestion of the Powers, Japan is offering to mediate in the Gold Franc issue which is at present a Franco-Chinese dispute. Mr. Yoshiyama (the Japanese Minister at Peking) has been instructed to interview the French and Chinese Ministers at Peking on the subject.

Owing to lack of funds to give the locomotives the usual overhaul, the trains on the Sunning Railway, according to our Kung-moon correspondent, often stop at the most inconvenient spots because the engine has given out. Passengers very much deprecate the encouragement to bandits to attack an immobile train.

"The Uncrowned King of the Sze Yap," General Leung Hung-kai, is again in the limelight in connection with the Kung-moon Police Commission, writes our Pukkai correspondent. His secretary, Cheung Cho-wing is likely to be given the post in succession to his brother, Leung Chun-kai, who has been promoted Hoping district magistrate, another of the Sze Yap plums. Much friction has followed the attempts of other politicians to nominate their protégés for the post.

Pleadings were ordered by his Honour Judge Sir Skinner Turner in the case of Morinosuki Ikeda versus the General Forge Products Co. of China. Mr. Tycho Wing, appeared for plaintiff, whilst Mr. R. S. Gregson represented defendant company. Plaintiff's claim was for the return of a quantity of copper piping or the sum of Tls. 40,000, and for Tls. 1,000 damages for detaining the same; or, alternatively, for the like sums by way of damages for breach of contract of bailment.

A letter to the following effect has been sent by a number of Shanghai bodies to Marshal Tuan-Tuan: The point of view of the new Cabinet towards the ex-Emperor, Pu Yi, and the newly made terms are wrong because there is no law in any country in the whole world whereby an Emperor can hold his title in a Republic. During the monarchical government by Gen. Chang Hsun in the sixth year of the Republic (1917) the ex-Emperor disobeyed totally what he promised, i.e., to acknowledge a republic in China and to observe its laws; therefore all special good treatment to the Manchus should be withdrawn. What is the idea, the writers ask, in having an Emperor in the country?

Sir John Jordan holds that foreigners have a measure of responsibility for the present trouble in China. In 1919 the Diplomatic Body at Peking, with prudent foresight, decided to impose an embargo upon the import of arms into China, and for some years the arrangement proved effective. During the past year or two the Agreement has been flagrantly violated by several Powers, who have openly connived at the import of arms, both by the Central Government at Peking and by the provincial authorities. The foreign Press in China has denounced these transactions as a suicidal betrayal of foreign interests, and I am very glad to see that publicity is being given to them by "The Times" and other organs at home. But surely the question is one that ought to be submitted to the League of Nations.

The Powers which are sounding a general call to disarmament at Geneva might profitably be invited to take up this concrete instance of the West arming the East for civil war, and give some proof of the faith that is in them by stopping a traffic which may some day prove fatal to their own nationals in China.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Bishop Bannister, of Kwangsi, has accepted temporary chaplaincy of St. Mark's, Seremban. He is expected at Seremban some time before Christmas, and remains till March or April.

Invitations have been issued by Dr. and Mrs. R. Dowden for the marriage of their daughter Doris to Mr. Stanley William Harper, at St. Mary's Church, Kuala Lumpur, on December 31.

The Rev. William R. Campbell, D.D., of Boston, President of the Congregational Educational Society, and director of numerous educational institutions, is at present in Shanghai, with his wife, staying at the Palace Hotel. Dr. and Mrs. Campbell are making a trip round the world and visiting the various missionary educational centres en route.

The long expected visit to Japan of H.R.H. Crown Prince Umberto of Italy, will take place in April next year during the cherry blossom season. The visit of the Italian Crown Prince will be to return the courtesies paid by the Prince Regent of Japan when the latter visited Rome three years ago. While in Tokyo, Prince Umberto will stay at the Kasumigasaki Palace.

A large circle of friends will join with regret of the death of Mr. Luk King-nam, the assistant compradore in Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company's compradore department, Hongkong, which occurred at his Macao residence on Wednesday morning from chronic bronchitis. The late Mr. Luk King-nam who was 66 years of age, was a most respected member of the local Chinese community. Over forty years ago, he was compradore of a local firm, but later he took up newspaper work, being for many years editor of the "Wah Tsz Yat Po," on resigning, which post he became connected with "Hongkong Commercial News" the organ of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, when that journal was inaugurated some years back.

Mr. G. M. Billings, the interport cricketer, has returned to Shanghai after a trip Home. Mr. Billings has represented both Hongkong and Singapore at cricket.

A very enjoyable concert was given in the Canton Customs' Club on Saturday evening, the following contributing items:—Mr. de Bodisco, Mrs. Beare, Lieut.-Col. Crosse, Mr. Pasquier, Mr. West, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Olive.

On the departure of Sir William Manning, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., from Ceylon, the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, will act as Officer Administering the Government there until the arrival in the island of the new Governor, Sir Hugh Clifford, G.C.M.G.

For the seat on the Sanitary Board rendered vacant by Dr. Ozorio's resignation, Dr. J. C. MacGowan is the only candidate, and the election fixed for the 11th inst. will not now be necessary. Dr. MacGowan was nominated by Mr. B. Wylie and seconded by Chev. J. M. Alves, and his appointment to the Board, will, it is expected, be gazetted in due course.

Sekichi Ito, a 62-year-old resident of Asakusa-machi, died last week, 42 days after beginning a penitence fast. He was a well-to-do man; but when he learned of the disasters wrought by the earthquake in Tokyo last year, he sold out all his property, and gave all he had realized on it to the relief fund. Recently he heard of scandals and miserable disclosures connected with the relief work in Tokyo and he became so sick of the world that he determined to take leave of it by fasting. He shut himself up in a cement shed in the outskirts of the city of Kochi without anybody knowing the fact. After 22 days of fasting the police accidentally found him in the shed alive and able to tell why he was there. They police then persuaded him to be taken to the hospital, where he took 200 grams of liquid food a day. A few days ago he fell and hit his head against some wood work, and the concussion resulted in his death.

At a meeting of the Royal Marines' Old Comrades Association, it was decided to hold the annual dinner in the Hongkong Volunteer-Defence Corps. Headquarters on the 20th inst. The officials appointed in connection with the dinner were Messrs. Kent, Frith, Clarke and Grimmett.

Those present included Capt. Sturges, President; Mr. C. E. Frith (Secretary), and Comrades Kent, Cullen, McEvily, O'Neill, Warden, Pearce and Evans.

Mr. C. Frith, of the Sanitary Department, at a full strength parade of the Hongkong Volunteers, on Friday evening last, was presented with the Colonial Auxiliary Force Long Service Medal, in recognition of his services with the Hongkong Volunteers. His service amounts to practically 21 years. Previous to his Hongkong service he was for nine years in the Royal Marine Light Infantry. As a marksman he had been three times in the team which won the Bellisios Shield.

A Reuter message from Los Angeles announces that the novelist, Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, has been killed in a motor accident. The late Gene Stratton-Porter was the daughter of Mark Shellenberger, who became Mark Stratton. She was born in 1868 on a farm in Wabash county, Indiana, and married Charles Darwin Porter, of the same place in 1886. For two years Mrs. Porter was Editor of the Camera Department of the publication "Recreation." Then for two years she was on the natural history staff of "Outing" and for four years was specialist in natural history photography on the "Photographic Times" Annual Almanac. Her first book was "The Song of the Cardinal" in 1902, followed by "Freckles" in 1904, "What I have done with Birds" in 1907, and "At the Foot of the Rainbow" in 1908. "The Girl of the Linberlost" was written in 1909. "The Harvest" or "Moths of the Linberlost" in 1911, "Laddie" and "Friends in Feathers."

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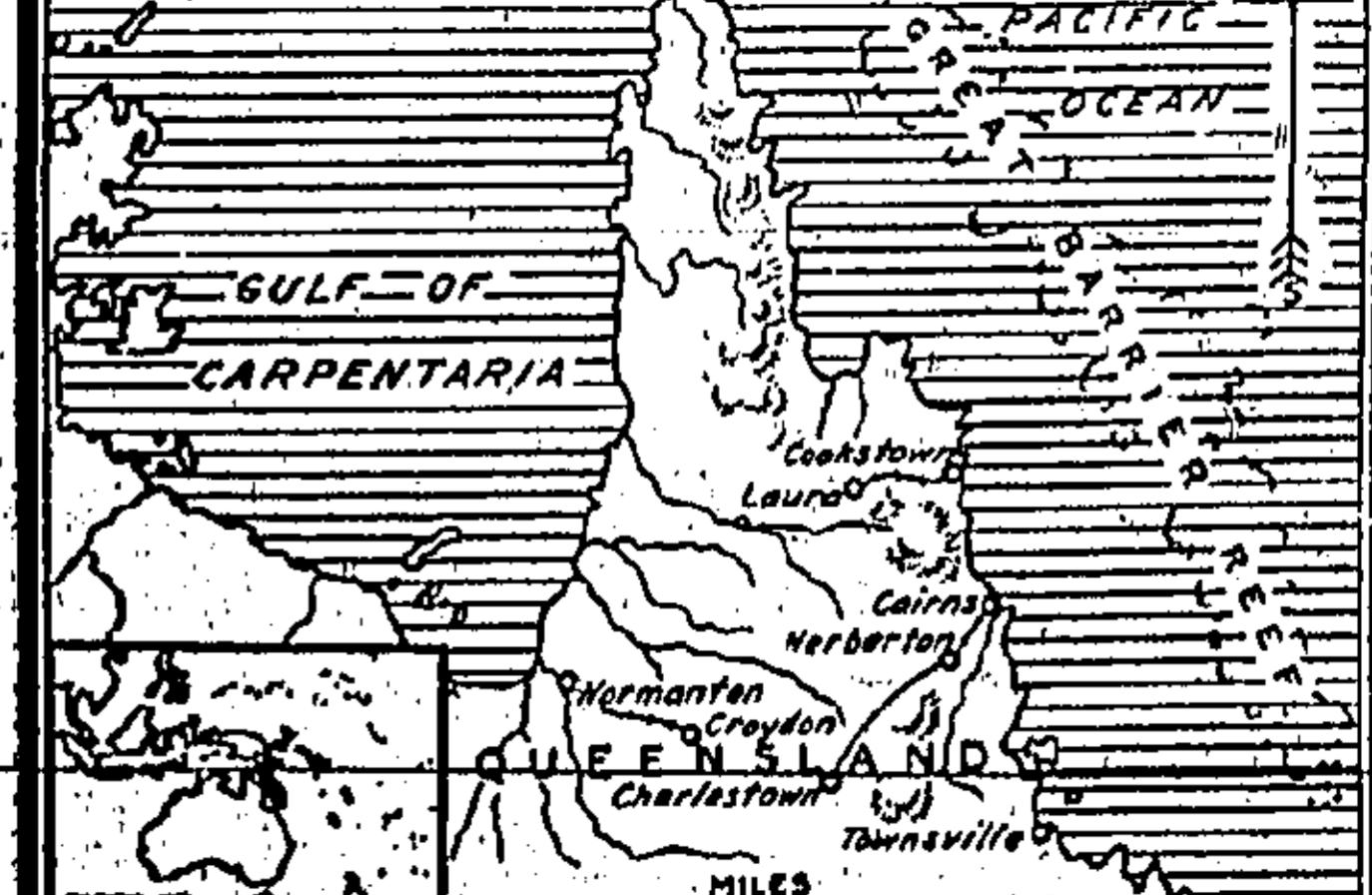


CHART BARRIER REEF—The Great Barrier Reef that extends for 1,000 miles off the coast of Queensland, Australia, and covers some 40,000 square miles, is being accurately charted for the first time by aeroplanes and motor boats operating from a mother ship.

THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

CROWN LEASES.

INJUSTICE TO THE BRITISH SUBJECTS.

Referring to the China leases disputes in his speech at the annual meeting of the China Association, Sir John Jordan said that these leases, which affect only five or six of the Treaty ports in China, are a singular exception to the conditions which obtain everywhere else in China. "All British subjects outside the 'Concession' areas at these ports, all British subjects at other Treaty ports and all other foreigners at all the Treaty ports hold their land in perpetuity from the Chinese Government. This is a Treaty right of all foreigners. At Tientsin, Hankow, and three or four other ports the British Consuls experienced difficulties in arranging for the purchase of land by their nationals direct from the Chinese owners, and found it more convenient to obtain grants of land from the Chinese authorities for the use of British subjects. These grants were made to the British Government in the usual form of perpetual leases, and were explicitly stated to be made in pursuance of Treaty for the benefit of British subjects. The British Government recouped itself fully for the outlay by disposing of the lots to British subjects, but for some reason—probably following the practice in England—it leased the latter only 99 years' lease. These leases will expire in 1960, and the British Government are now demanding onerous terms for conveying to their nationals the full rights of perpetual tenure which they obtained on their behalf in the first instance by Treaty from the Chinese Government. The lot holders in the Concessions contend that as a matter of equity and still more of policy they are entitled to renew on nominal terms. (Hear, hear, and applause.) They hold that the British authorities acted merely in a fiduciary capacity as agents for giving effect to the Treaties, and that there was no intention at the time of conveying any beneficial interest in the property to the British Government. (Applause.) They point to the fact that all other foreign Governments conveyed to their nationals in their Concessions the full rights of perpetual tenure, which they acquired from China, and they ask why their trade and right of residence should be exposed to disabilities from which their neighbours are exempt. (Loud applause.) Why, they further ask, should the holders of some 60 and 70 acres of land at Tientsin and Hankow, respectively, be required to pay a heavy assessment for procuring the same leases as the owners of the 5,000 acres in the Shanghai International Settlement have held from the outset without any similar payment at all, seeing that all British subjects enjoy, without discrimination, the same rights under Treaty? (Applause.)

These arrangements and delicate questions of policy on which it is undesirable to enlarge at present, carried little weight with the First Commissioner of Works, to whose decision they were practically entrusted by the late Government. This Association feels that, as a matter of justice and equity, the whole question should be reconsidered. (Hear, hear.) It has been suggested, and the suggestion seems a perfectly fair one, that the case should be submitted to arbitration, or, alternatively, that it should form the subject of a friendly suit in a Court of Justice between the Concession land-renters and His Majesty's Government. (Loud applause.)

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

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Hongkong theatregoers are sure to extend a good reception to Long Tack Sam, the world renowned magician, and his troupe of acrobats, when they make their initial appearance at the Queen's Theatre this evening at 9.15 p.m.

Long Tack Sam and his troupe of Oriental wonder workers are said to be the most expensive engagement ever made by Mr. H. G. Musgrave of the Tivoli Theatres, Sydney and Melbourne. All the Australian papers write in glowing terms of this wonderful act, and at the farewell performance at Sydney recently, the audience stood and cheered these remarkable performers.

Long Tack Sam is a magician of the highest order; he mystifies his audience with acts of a most baffling kind. His daughters dance delightfully, and a Chinese comedian, provides something novel in the way of England dudexaggerations. The whole troupe, however, is said to be at its best on the horizontal bar. Here they fly in

the air, turn round at great speed and perform many hair-raising feats, leaving the audience spell-bound. Altogether this wonderful performance should prove one of the most exhilarating vaudeville acts ever seen in Hongkong. Booking is at Mouringa.

QUEEN OF NIGHT.

WILL OF ECCENTRIC COUNTESS.

A sensational law suit, concerning many hundred millions of kronen, has started at Graz, the capital of Styria. The Countess Anna Ferri, who died there in 1919, disinherited her two relatives and left her very valuable castles and estates to a Hungarian count. The will was drawn up by a Graz lawyer in April 1913, and signed by three witnesses. The relatives now allege that the lady was then not quite normal, and on that special evening she had also taken too big a dose of some narcotic. Moreover, the signatures of the witnesses were written in different inks. The third of them, one Cadorna, who died in 1922, is declared by the disinherited party, to have been abnormal as well, at least during the latest period of his life.

Above all, the relatives are trying to prove that the countess had been insane long before the drawing up of the codicil. She was the daughter of an immensely rich banker, connected with the Rothschilds and later on married the Italian Count Ferri, from whom she was divorced in 1893. At that time she was 58 and according to the relations, her eccentricity increased continuously. Taking up residence at her Graz castle, she would dress in black from head to foot, have all the windows of the castle shut, sleep during the day, never get up until it was pitch dark and tolerate only perfectly black things around her. She never left her apartments, rarely changed her linen, and washed with strange ceremonies. Though exceedingly stingy, she wasted enormous sums on buying black swans and black peacocks. In her aversion to light she would have the snow in front of the castle strewn with ashes. Visitors were received at night only, and the will which is now contested was drawn up during the night.

DAYLIGHT UNBEARABLE.

The evidence, however, gives an altogether different interpretation. The first witness, the lawyer, now aged 82, protested energetically against the idea of the countess's insanity. That she could stand nothing but black ascribed to her very weak eyes; she could see only in artificial light, he told the Court, and daylight was unbearable to her. The Countess, at the time of the drawing up of the codicil, was in full possession of her intellectual and mental powers; she read the will and found it in order. He could not notice any loss of memory caused by narcotics. The witness Cadorna was present simultaneously with the other two witnesses, who raised no objection against him, and he was certainly quite normal. For signing the will Cadorna used his fountain pen, while the other two gentlemen probably used the ink on the Countess's writing-table, which accounted for the various kinds of ink in the signatures.

ST. JOAN.

GREAT PLAY TO BE GIVEN HERE.

Those who have seen Bernard Shaw's play "St. Joan" which the Hongkong A.D.C. hope to produce early next month, describe it as a great play. Bernard Shaw has written a play that humanises Joan, renders her wholly comprehensible and lovely, without detracting one whit from her essential greatness and saintliness. It is dramatic, moving, replete with ideas, but with ideas rendered dramatic, and replete with characters that actually live, progressing steadily and logically from interest to interest, and culminating in a great trial scene that not only stands unique, but perhaps surpasses anything in the kind in modern drama. Joan is, of course, the dominating, central figure and she is a Joan that is essentially human—simple, high-minded, brave, patriotic young girl believing in her divine mission but valuing human affection, capable of shrinking from physical pain, capable of annoyance, boredom and sharp speech—a great figure and a great creation. Around her circle a crowd of all kinds of persons, of all degrees, socially, mentally, morally. Her personality dominates them all.

"St. Joan" will be found the greatest achievement of the Hongkong A.D.C., and no pains will be spared to make it, and as the play demands, the crowning point in its career.

Booking opens at the Anderson Music Store on Monday next at 9 a.m.

COLLISION AT SEA.

(Reuter's Service)

LONDON, December 8.—The steamer "Nowshera", collisioned with the small steamer "Hatchment" in the Irish Sea early yesterday morning. The "Nowshera" has returned to Liverpool.

CHINA'S FUTURE.

BOLSHEVIK DANGER ANALYSED.

LESSON OF CANTON.

The year 1924 marks a momentous change in the relations between Russia and China, according to Sir John Jordan. Addressing the China Association in London, he said: "For some 300 years the Empires of Russia and China, with the longest and most loosely demarcated common frontier in the world, kept up a desultory intercourse, varied by occasional disputes over territorial encroachments on the part of the former. Russian influence reached its zenith in the closing years of the last century, and met its first check in the opening years of the present one when Japan wrested from her the supremacy of North-Eastern Asia. The collapse of the Tsarist regime administered the final blow to Russian ambitions, and Korea, Manchuria and North China are to-day all strewed with the wreck of grandiose schemes hatched by Russian expansionists. History can offer few greater or more dramatic contrasts than that which is presented by the dominating position which Russia occupied in the East some 25 years ago, and the humiliating conditions to which she has been reduced under the Bolshevik regime. (Hear, hear.) The Treaty signed on May 31 last is a complete surrender of all the Treaty rights and privileges acquired in the course of three centuries, and places Russia in every respect on a footing of equality with China. The only fly in the ointment is that the Russian Treaty with China, like the one negotiated between this country and Russia, is little more than an Agreement to make an Agreement—an "Agreement on General Principles" it is officially styled—and it remains to be seen how far the practice will be made to accord with the principles. (Laughter.) Already there is a rift in the lute. The Russians have made a separate arrangement with Chang Tso-lin for the working of the Chinese Eastern Railway and the enthusiasm with which the Agreement was hailed has been considerably damped by this open recognition of the arch enemy of the Peking Government.

Many young Chinese who owe their education to America, and until recently were proud to acknowledge the debt, have now transferred their affections to Bolshevik Russia and listen complacently to the Russian Ambassador while he pours out the vials of his wrath upon the iniquities practised by Imperialistic America and other Treaty Powers. This is a disquieting feature in the Far Eastern situation, and it would be folly to ignore the determined effort which is being made by M. Karakhan and a section of the younger Chinese to undermine the Treaty rights of Great Britain and other Powers. There appears to have been some misconception as to the proper methods of countering this influence. It was suggested that the other Powers should appoint Ambassadors to Peking, so as to forestall the possibility of the Russian representative becoming the Doyen of the Diplomatic body. That would have been paying an undeserved and quite necessary compliment to Russian methods. There should be no danger of anything of the kind. The "Diplomatic body in Peking is and always has been, the jealous guardian of the Treaty rights which Russia no longer possesses, and the enjoyment of which by others. M. Karakhan is out to destroy. Such a man can have no part in the deliberations of the Diplomatic body, much less direct them as doyen, and the body has greatly degenerated since I knew it if admits him to its counsels. The Russian Treaty and the Treaties of Great Britain, France, the United States, and other Powers are as far apart as the poles, and there is no common ground on which their respective representatives can meet to deliberate. (Hear, hear.)

"China is not a very receptive soil for the propagation of Bolshevism. The great bulk of the population is rooted to the soil under an excellent system of land tenure, which recognises the value of private property. Wherever communism has made any headway the result has been disastrous. (Hear, hear.) Canton, the once proud and opulent city of the South, has seen its best quarter reduced to ashes and its once enterprising and peaceable population exposed to the worst horrors of streets fighting. This experience and the spectacle of thousands of destitute Russian refugees living in their midst on public charity should be sufficient to convince all sensible Chinese that the adoption of the Russian creed is more likely to lead to the destruction than to the salvation of China. (Applause.)

Tentative arrangements are on foot for the holding of a gymkhana at Happy Valley race-course on New Year's Day. The prime movers, the "China Mail" learns, are the Polo Club committee and the members of the mounted section of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Presumably a mixed programme of racing and stunt affairs will be arranged, provided the use of the race-course is granted. Cash sweeps and totalisators will be provided.

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GREAT AIR FLIGHT.

REMARKABLE JOURNEY IN NORTH AUSTRALIA.

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Major F. A. De V. Robertson writes in the Press as follows—

Early this year everyone interested in flying was stirred by the flight of the Chief of the Australian Air Staff, Wing Commander Goble, round the coast of Australia in a Fairey seaplane with a Rolls-Royce 300-h.p. Eagle engine. This was a service flight undertaken on behalf of the Royal Australian Air Force to collect "information" useful to the Defence Department.

But the Department of Civil Aviation also needed information about conditions in the north of the continent which would aid it in framing its policy of civil air lines. At present two civil air lines are flying steadily northward, one in West Australia from Perth to Derby, and the other through Queensland from Charleville to Cloncurry, and the intention seems to be that their routes shall be extended northwards until they meet at the northern capital, Port Darwin. Tropical Australia will then be brought into regular communication with the progressive States in the south-east and in the west. There are no railways from north to south, and at present the only communication is by slow and irregular coasting steamers.

Accordingly Colonel Brinsford, the head of civil flying in Australia, set out this summer on a personal exploration of the north by air, and a cable just received gives a brief account of his remarkable journey. He used a De Havilland 50 type of aeroplane with a Siddeley Puma 240-h.p. engine. He took with him a civilian pilot, Mr. Jones, and a mechanic named Buchanan.

Starting from Melbourne, they flew straight to Charleville, and thence followed the route of the Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services, Limited, up to Cloncurry. This route has been very cleverly thought out, as it links up five railheads, from each of which a railway line runs down to the coast. From Caimoowal, beyond Cloncurry, they plunged into almost unknown country until they reached the sea and civilization at Darwin. There they flew more or less along the coast to Wyndham, to which station the West Australian Airways, Limited, is about to extend its service. There they were once more within reach of expert assistance had they needed it. But they were quite able to look after themselves, and the D. H. 50 and the Puma were both behaving magnificently.

UNDEVELOPED WEALTH.

So from Wyndham they turned due southwards into the interior following the Ord River to Hall's Creek, in the middle of the golden field of the northwestern hinterland. Between Caimoowal and Wyndham they saw thousands of square miles of magnificently watered country suitable for sheep-farming, but undeveloped owing to lack of communications. Colonel Brinsford reports that this tract offers an incomparable opportunity for aviation. From Hall's Creek they turned westward to the coast and linked up once more with the West Australian Airways at Broome. From here to Perth must have been comparatively simple, and then the route to Adelaide and Melbourne would follow the line of the railway.

By flying overland here, Colonel Brinsford avoided the rough experiences which Wing Commander Goble met with in the great Australian Bight. But Colonel Brinsford means that throughout his flight he avoided adventures as if his whole journey were not one glorious adventure. They flew 7,658 miles in 76½ hours and landed 35 times. The trip took 22 days and in that time they did work for the Department which would be other methods of progress as—

EARLIER RESULTS.

At seven thirty this morning the pro-republican victory was confirmed by latest figures of the state parties. The Social Democrats, the German Peoples' party, the Centre party and the Democrats, secondly the Wirth coalition and thirdly the continuance in office of the present government under Herr Marx and Herr Stresemann, with the benevolent neutrality of the Social Democrats.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Communists also lost considerably, chiefly to the Social Democrats. They have about 45 seats as compared with 62 in the old Reichstag. The Catholic Centre party has maintained its position. The German Democrats, the German Peoples' party, and the Bavarian Peoples' party have gained a few seats.

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There are now three alternatives for the formation of the new government, firstly a big coalition of Social Democrats, the German Peoples' party, the Centre party and the Democrats, secondly the Wirth coalition and thirdly the continuance in office of the present government under Herr Marx and Herr Stresemann, with the benevolent neutrality of the Social Democrats.

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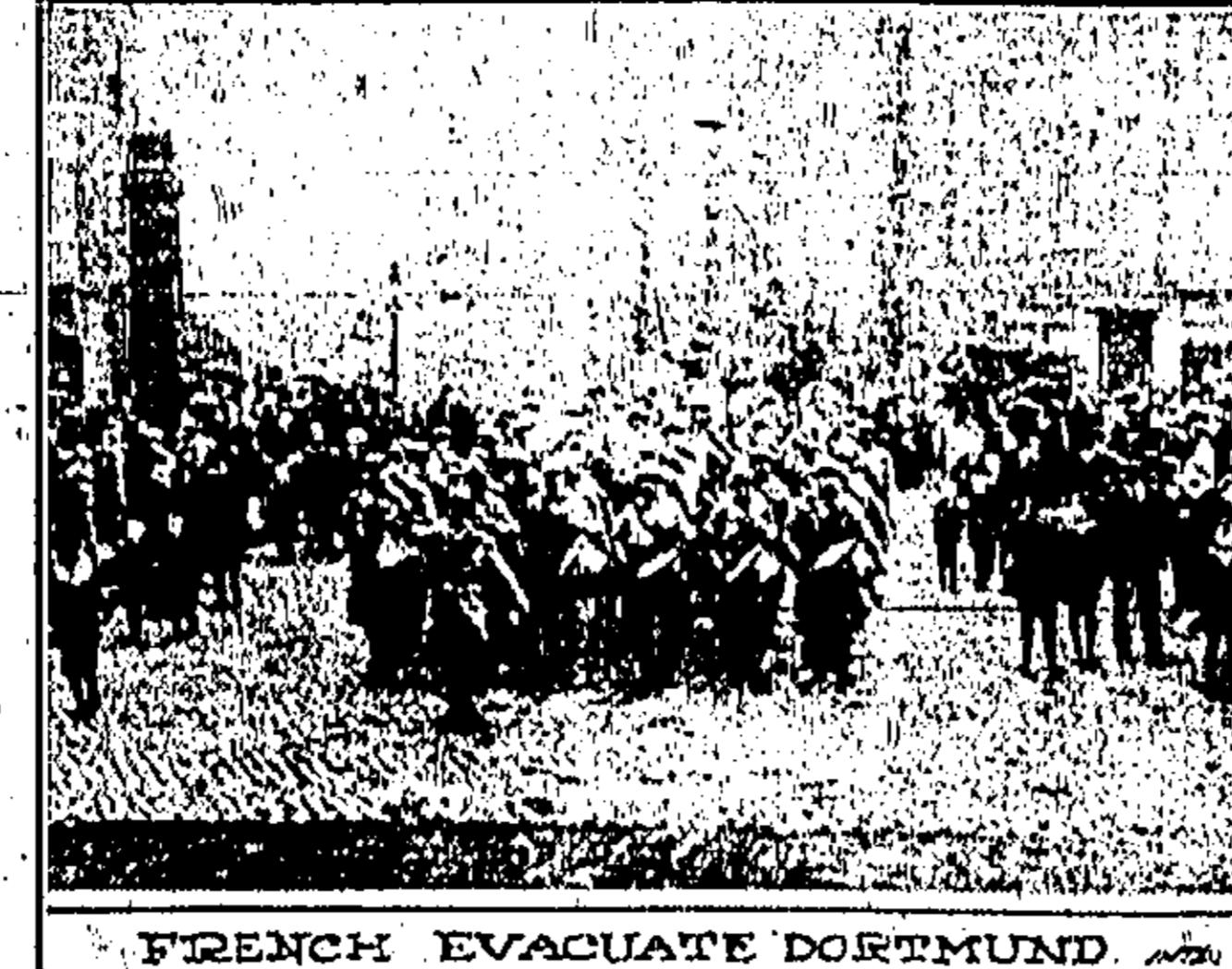
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MEN AND WOMEN IN NEWS.

ABOVE: MRS. LOUISE DOELLER & MAYBELLE G. COREY
Below: KING ALFONSO & DR. MARION L. BURTON

King Alfonso of Spain has gone to Bordeaux, France, with his deaf son, Don Jamie to consult French specialists. Mr. Marion Loring Burton, president of the University of Michigan, who nominated President Coolidge at the Cleveland convention, is ill with bronchitis. Misses, Mrs. Louis Littauer Doeller, daughter of the millionaire glove manufacturer, who invoked, in vain, the French court to prevent her marriage to a motor car salesman, has opened a dress-making establishment, deserting society. Mrs. Mabelle Gilman Corey, divorced wife of the steel manufacturer, has reported to the police of Paris, where she lives, the theft of \$5,000 worth of furs from her home.

Fortune From Eggs.



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Veteran's Hikes.



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CIGAR!THAT ISN'T
THE DUGAN
I MEANT.

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The century-old Green Valley Manor, near Washington, one of Virginia's ancestral landmarks, has been destroyed by fire. Among the heirlooms and relics lost were a Chinese lamp 2,000 years old, a sewing table once used by Marie Antoinette, and others. Four naval officers living in the manor escaped with serious burns. The manor was used as a hospital during the Civil War.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

E.S.A., Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, 14th Nov.)... Proc. Pierce

Wednesday, DECEMBER 10.

Shanghai... Soochow
Strait... Benvene

Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai & London via Canada (London 8th Nov.)... Express of Asia
Australia and Manila... Yoshino Maru

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers London 18th Nov., and Parcels 8th Nov.)... Macedonia

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Shanghai... Kauchow
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Australia and Manila... Taiyuan
Manila... Pres. Jefferson

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Japan... Taoro Maru
Japan... Fuchini Maru
Strait... Kitao Maru

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai... Proc. Monroe

OUTWARD MAILS.

FROM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

Samshui and Wuchow... Chung On
Halibut... Jade
Swatow... Tungshing
Kongtung... San Ning

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10.

Hoihow... Phrahang
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong... Free, Pierce
Java via Batavia... Samorang Maru

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11.

Pakhoi... Limchow
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong... Tamkong
Japan... Yoshino Maru

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12.

Shanghai and Japan... Macedonia

Sandakan... Hicasang

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow... Haining

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13.

Strait, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles Jan. 9, Parcels Dec. 14th 5 p.m. Registration Dec. 19th 9.45 a.m. Letters Dec. 1st 10.30 a.m.

Strait and Calcutta... Mantua
Swatow and Calcutta... Taksang
Hoihow and Haiphong... Mingang

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow... Kaojo Maru

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow... Haiphong

SHANGHAI, AMY AND JAPAN, CANADA, U.S.A., C. & S. AMERICA & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco 8th Jan. 1925—Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Manila, AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th Dec. Registration 8.30 a.m. Letters Dec. 17th 8.30 a.m.

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